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FROM AMBASSADOR

FRANKFURT FOR RSS, GENEVA FOR RSO

EO 11652: NA  
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SUBJ: FENCE AND GATE FOR COM RESIDENCE

1. WITH THE RECENT ARREST OF TWO BAADER-MEINHOF TERRORISTS IN SWITZERLAND (FOLLOWING AN ATTEMPTED MURDER OF 2 BORDER GUARDS), SWITZERLAND HAS CLEARLY BECOME A PRIME POTENTIAL TERRORIST TARGET. LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO, A COURTHOUSE LESS THAN A MILE FROM MY RESIDENCE WAS HIT BY A GRENADE ATTACK. I REALLY MUST INSIST THAT THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY TAKE THE OBVIOUS MINIMAL PROTECTIVE STEP OF CONSTRUCTING AN ADEQUATE FENCE AND GATE FOR THE RESIDENCE TO PROTECT ME, MY GUESTS AND THE RESIDENCE STAFF.

2. FOLLOWING ARE DETAILED PLANS AND APPROXIMATE COSTS OF A FENCE AND GATE FOR GROUNDS. DOLS 1,000 COULD BE CUT FROM THE COSTS IF WE USED THE MOTOR DESCRIBED IN LITERATURE FROM RSO BRUSSELS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER, IN VIEW OF THE TOTAL COST, TO HAVE SWISS  
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CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TOTAL PROJECT AND SERVICE AND SPARE PARTS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SWISS GOVT HAS OFFERED SF 6,600 TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FENCE. OUR OTHER PRINCIPAL NEIGHBOR, THE BERNER ALLGEMINE INSURANCE COMPANY, HAS GIVEN ITS OK FOR THE FENCE, BUT IS NOT INTERESTED TO DEFRAY ITS COST. DETAILED PLANS AND COSTS: ON THE LOWER PORTION OF THE GROUNDS,

THE FENCE WOULD BE TAKEN ACROSS THE GROUNDS IMMEDIATELY  
BELOW THE LAST SLOPE OF THE LARGE RETAINING WALL. THE  
ESTIMATES ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FENCE SPECIFICATIONS:  
TOTAL HIEHGT OF FENCE 7 FT 7 INCHSE. HEIGHT OF CYCLONE TYPE  
FENCE 6 FT 7 INCHES TOPPED WITH 20 INCH, 45 DEGREE ANGLE IRON  
SUPPORTS FIRMLY SECURED TO SUPPORTING POSTS WITH AT LEAST  
THREE STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE OR S BAND ATTACHED. THE SUPPORTING  
POSTS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 8 FT 2 INCHES TO 9 FT 10 INCHES  
APART, FIRMLY IMBEDDED IN CONCRETE. THE COST FOR THE VARIOUS  
PORTIONS WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:  
(NOTE: ALTHOUGH SY RECOMMENDED 9 FOOT FENCE, SWISS FEDERAL  
POLICE AUTHORIZED ONLY HEIGHTS LISTED BELOW)  
TAUBENSTRASSE DRIVEWAY, AND TO GARDEN WALL:  
WIRE FENCE BETWEEN USG PROPERTY AND SWISS GOVT PROPERTY:  
SF 9,500.00#

ACROSS TAUBENSTRASSE DRIVEWAY:  
SLIDING METAL BARRICADE WITH DAY GATE. MANUAL OPERATION: SF 9,500.00

BETWEEN RAINMATTSTRASSE PROPERTIES AND USG PROPERTY  
FROM SLIDING BARRICADE TO STREET AND FROM STREET O BERNER  
ALLGEMINE INSURANCE COMPANY PROPERTY:  
CYCLONE TYPE FENCE TOPPED WITH BARBED WIRE BUT, ONLY FIVE  
FEET HIGH: SF 22,500.00

RAINMATTSTRASSE EXIT:  
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ELECTRICALLY OPERATED, RADIO CONTROLLED SLIDING GATE WITH  
LIGHT FIXTURES AND INTERCOM SYSTEM TO HOUSE: SF 40,000.00

RAINMATTSTRASSE CORNER DOWN ENTIRE PROPERTY LINE OF BERNER  
ALLGEMEINE INSURANCE COMPANY: SPECIFIED FENCE: SF 21,450.00

ACROSS USG PROPERTY FROM BERNER ALLGEMEINE INSURANCE COMPANY  
PROPERTY BELOW MAIN SUPPORTING WALL:  
SPECIFIED FENCE WITH ONE LARGE GATE FOR MAINTENANCE  
PURPOSES: SF 18,500.00

UP SLOPE BETWEEN USG PROPERTY AND SWISS GOVT PROPERTY:  
AS SPECIFIED ABOVE: SF 10,200.00#

ON TOP OF THE HIGH GARDEN WALL BETWEEN USG PROPERTY AND  
SWISS GOVT PROPERTY:  
THREE FOOT FENCE TOPPED WITH BARBED WIRE: SF 7,500.00

TOTAL FENCE/GATE: SF 139,550.00

#LESS CONTRIBUTION SWISS GOVT, APPROX ONE THIRD: SF 6,600.00  
TOTAL: SF 132,950.00

RATE OF EXCHANGE DOLS 1.00 - SF 1,95: DOLS 67,180.00

3. RSO GENEVA CONCURS THIS MESSAGE. I URGENTLY REQUEST  
THE DEPARTMENT'S IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT THIS  
FENCE/GATE. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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